(b) and (c) Following erection of border fencing with flood lights along Punjab, Rajasthan and part of Gujarat and J&K borders, infiltration in the western border, has become very difficult. Therefore as per reports available, Pakistan has been attempting to infiltrate agents of terror, sabotage, subversion and espionage through the porous Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders. There are reports to indicate that it is attempting to infiltrate Pakistani agents under the assumed identity of Bangladeshi nationals with Bangladeshi passports. The Government is alert against any such designs of Pakistan. Our concerns over activities of ISI of Pakistan have also been shared with Government of Bangladesh. Government of Bangladesh has assured us of not allowing its territory for any activity inimical to India's interest.

Deputy Prime Minister's Qatar visit

†1009. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister had visited Qatar recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed between the two countries;

(c) whether during the discussion the Deputy Prime Minister had urged the Qatar Government to provide the right of religous freedom and worship accordjng to their respective religions to the people who came from other countries for jobs in Qatar; and

(d) if so, Qatar Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two countries discussed ways of increasing bilateral cooperation in the fields of security, petroleum and natural gas, civil aviation and human resource development.

(c) and (d) The two sides discussed the question of religious freedom in the context of a new draft Constitution presently under the consideration of the Qatar Government.